December 31, 1991 The information regarding titles verified is, however, not compiled and maintained Statewise and language-wise

(b) No, Sir In case the publisher fails to bring out the first issue within the time stipulated in the Press and Registration of Book Act, 1967 after authentication of a prescribed declaration indicating the title, language, periodicity, place of publication etc by the concerned Magistrate within whose local jurisdiction such newspaper will be printed or published, he is only required to make a fresh declaration before brining out the proposed publication

(c) No, Sir

(d) No, Sir The role of RNI is confined only to inform the Magistrate concerned whether a title applied for is available or not

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir Suitable remedial action can be taken only within the frame work of the PRB Act

**V. Relay Centre at Porbander, Gujarat**

5135 SHRI HARIBHARI PATEL Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state,

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a T V relay centre and Doordarshan studio at Porbandar in Gujarat,

(b) if so, by when, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) to (c). A low power (100 W) TV transmitter has been functioning at Porbander in Gujarat since february, 1989 and is reported to be providding satisfactory service within its coverage area. There is, at present no proposal to establish a TV studio Centre at Porbander

**Electronic exchanges in Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri**

5136 SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the places in Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri districts, Maharashtra where electronic exchanges with STD facility are to be installed by the end to May 1992

(b) if not, the reasons therefor,

(c) the places where such facilities are already existing, and

(d) the number of villages not yet connected by telephones ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) Vengrula, Kankavali, Sawantwadi and Lote in Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra are planned to be installed with STD facility by the end of May, 1992

(b) Does not arise

(c) Presently this facility does not exist at any place in these districts

(d) In Sindhudurg, 279 out of 338 Gram Panchayats and in Ratnagari, 587 out of 768 Gram Panchayats are not yet provided with telephone facility

**Gap Between Creation and utilisation of irrigation potential**

5137. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN. Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a gap between the creation and utilisation of irrigation potential in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cumulative gap between creation and utilisation of irrigation potential till the end of Seventh Plan Period was 8,32 million hectares.

(c) The Government is implementing the Command Area Development programme for reducing the gap between potential created and utilised and has also taken a series of measures for improving water management practices to bridge the gap. In addition, the States have also been asked to re-appraise the figure of potential created in order to correct over-reporting if any.

[*Translation*]

**Branch Post Offices in Panchayats of Bihar**

5138. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state·

(a) the number of Panchayats of Hazaribagh district in Bihar where branch post offices have been set up and the number of Panchayats where such post offices are yet to be set up; and

(b) the time by which the Government propose to set up branch post offices in the remaining Panchayats ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) the number of Panchayats of Hazaribagh district in Bihar where branch post offices have been set up is 281 and the number of Panchayats without post offices is 113.

(b) It is not feasible to indicate any time frame in this regard as post offices in rural areas are sanctioned keeping in view the population, income and distance norms. Gram Panchayat, Headquarters are, however, given due weightage for location of post offices subject to fulfilmen of prescribed norms.

**Tourist facilities on Occasion of " Singhesth Kumbh"**

5139. SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVAIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state the details of assistance and tourists facilities being provided by the Union Government on the occasion of ' Singhesth Kumbh ' festival likely to be held in April, 1992 at Ujjain ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Department of Tourism provides central financial assistance on specific proposals in consultation with the State Governments, subject to availability of funds, their merit and inter-se priority.

In connection with the Singhesth Kumbh festival scheduled to be held in April, 1992 at Ujjain, the Central Department of Tourism has sanctioned a 60 bedded Yatri Niwas to be constructed at Ujjain for which an amount of Rs. 45.00 lakhs has been sanctioned during 1990-91. Besides Rs. 10.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for printing of publicity